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Villard Quits America First

By LEO JAY MARGOLIN



Oswald Garrison Villard has resigned as a member of the national group of the America First Committee, PM learned today.

Until Oct. 10, the date of his resignation, Mr. Villard was a member of the committee's hierarchy, which numbers among its members such arch-appeasers as Henry Ford, Hugh S. Johnson, Alice Roosevelt Longworth and William R. Castle.

Mr. Villard quit the committee because he disagrees with its Principle No. 1 which was and still is: "The United States must build an impregnable defense for America."

Mr. Villard, who wrote for *The Nation* for 46 years before he quit last June, still feels the U. S. A. does not need to arm to the teeth.

"I believe with Gen. Wood," said Mr. Villard, "that there is no danger of an invasion of the U. S. A. The 3000 miles of ocean is an impassable barrier to any potential invader."

Asked whether the America First Committee was, in his opinion, made up of appeasers, Mr. Villard stated:

"I have the highest respect for these real Americans, their integrity, patriotism and soundness. I don't think its appeasement to keep America out of war."

Mr. Villard said he left the committee roster on the most friendly terms.

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America First Group Plans Mass Rally

Three prominent speakers will address a public mass meeting of the Washington Chapter of the America First Committee, at 4 p.m. Sunday in the National Theater. Mrs. Bennett Champ Clark, chairman, announced last night. The speakers will be John T. Flynn, columnist, lecturer and economist; Mrs. Robert A. Taft, wife of the Ohio Senator, and former Governor Philip La Follette of Wisconsin.

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'AMERICA FIRST' EXPANDS

Formation of New York Chapter
Announced in Advertisements

The formation of a New York chapter of the America First Committee, headed by General Robert E. Wood of Chicago, is announced today in advertisements in morning newspapers.

The advertisements call for opposition to the lease-lend bill, calling it a "war dictatorship" measure.

Among the members of the New York chapter listed are Edwin S. Webster Jr., senior member of the Wall Street firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Dorothy Dunbar Bromley, John T. Flynn, Archibald H. Roosevelt and Amos E. R. Pinchof.

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Mrs. Taft's Group Flays Lend-Lease

Phil La Follette
At Mass Meeting

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The United States does not need to hide behind the British Navy. Philip La Follette, former governor of Wisconsin, told an audience at the National Theater yesterday afternoon.

La Follette spoke at a mass meeting held under auspices of the America First Committee.

Cites Three Principles

Mrs. Bennett Champ Clark, wife of the Missouri Senator, told the audience at the opening of the meeting that the Committee was formed to support three principles:

1. To keep the United States out of war.
2. To build up an impregnable defense for this country.
3. To give Britain all possible aid under existing law.

The Committee is engaged in fighting the lend-lease bill, now before Congress.

La Follette, who was the last of three speakers at the meeting, cut his address short because he is "fighting a Washington flu germ," he said.

Must Prove Hitler Wrong

"There is a danger to the world abroad. Our way of living is under attack," La Follette declared.

"Hitler has said to the German people that no man can be free and have a job. That they would have to make a choice between the two.

"It is up to us to prove that men don't have to make this choice. We can prove in the United States that a man can be free and have a job."

John T. Flynn, chairman of the New York chapter of the America First Committee, who also spoke, scoffed at the idea that Hitler will invade this country if he conquers Britain. He ridiculed the theory that Hitler would try to land a force of men on the American coast or that he would attempt to bring them across the ocean from Africa to Brazil.

Cites Military Figures

"I have been informed by military experts," he said, "that it would take 13,000,000 tons of shipping to bring sufficient equipment and ammunition across the Atlantic to support an army of 1,000,000 men.

"I have been told that no combination of sea power is sufficient to bring an army of a million men and their equipment to this country and to keep it fed and equipped."

Mrs. Taft said she was present to represent the women's point of view.

"I maintain that this lend-lease bill would give to one man the right to abolish the American pattern," she declared.

The meeting was presided over by Senator D. Worth Clark (R.), of Idaho, who introduced the speakers and indicated full support of the committee's platform.

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AMERICA FIRST GIRDS FOR FINAL WAR BILL FIGHT

Chapter Heads to Meet in
Washington Feb. 21.

Chapter chairmen of the America First committee will meet in Washington, D. C., Feb. 21 to discuss plans for a final drive to defeat the war dictatorship bill, R. Douglas Stuart, national director of the committee, announced yesterday.

The chairmen will meet with Stuart and Gen. Robert E. Wood, national chairman of the committee, to devise means of urging voters to write their senators. They also will visit their senators and register their objections to the war legislation.

Robert L. Bliss, organization director of America First, reported yesterday that six new chapters have been organized at Manitowoc, Wis.; Hartford, Conn.; St. Paul, Minn.; Oakland, Cal.; Springfield, Mass., and Alhambra, Cal. The new chapters bring to 586 the total of chapters and affiliated units of America First.

La Follette Speaks Tonight.

Philip F. La Follette, former governor of Wisconsin, will speak at 10:30 o'clock tonight over the Columbia Broadcasting system network. The talk will have no local outlet, but will be rebroadcast over WBBM, Chicago, from 10:45 to 11 p. m. La Follette's speech, "With Malice Toward None," will be a reply to a similar talk made recently by Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist, over the same network.

The veterans' division of the America First committee last night asked Senator Scott W. Lucas, Illinois Democrat, to reconsider his refusal to debate Wayland Brooks, Republican senator from Illinois, on the war dictatorship bill. The meeting is tentatively set for Feb. 23 in the Chicago Civic Opera house.

The telegram, asking that Lucas reconsider, explained that the debate will be broadcast and expressed belief that the meeting would bring the senators mail and telegraph expression of the true reactions of Illinois voters. "The people of Illinois are entitled to hear the views of the war veterans who represent the peace in the United States," the telegram said.

The veterans of Illinois are proud to have two of their members represent in the senate," said the chairman of the committee. "We thought it was a thing for the committee to do."

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PRO-NAZI GROUP RALLIES TO AID OF ISOLATIONISTS

BY FRANK SMOTHERS.

A ringing appeal to assist the America First Committee and the Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee in "their fight for you" has been issued to the members of the German-American National Alliance.

The pro-Nazi alliance, also known as the Einheitsfront—United Front—makes the plea in the leading article of its current "News Letter."

Signed by Paul A. F. Warnholtz, head of the organization, the article urges the members to "demand" of their senators and congressmen that they "oppose steps leading us into war or into dictatorship" and that they "defeat the dictator bill, H. R. 1776, completely."

Plugs for Isolationists.

Warnholtz then plugs for America First and the C. K. A. O. W. committee as follows:

"There are organized cliques, which beat the drums of war, backed by unlimited funds. But there are also several committees efficiently aiding you in your fight to save the lives of the sons of America and to preserve American institutions and the American way of life. Assist these committees in their fight for you. Assist them financially and morally. They need money to arouse the public. Assist these committees at once! Here are the names and addresses of these committees who are against war, etc.:

"Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee, 77 West Washington street, Chicago, Ill.

"America First Committee, Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Ill."

Does Not Define 'Etc.'

The champion of the Einheitsfront version of "the American way of life" does not define what "etc." means in his assertion that the committees named are "against war, etc." As for Americans who, he alleges, "shout loudest for war," he offers language reminiscent of the press of Dr. Goebbels.

"They are usually old men, sterile biologically, and sterile even of all dreams and memories of life, love and youth and would deny the

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right of youth to live," avers Mr. Warnholtz. "Their senile bodies, their cold, calculating brains, frequently find compensation for their lost youth in hatred and false ambitions for glory and gold."

In another article Mr. Warnholtz waxes equally eloquent in charging that the Allies after the last war "sacked and plundered Germany completely" and in lambasting "that greedy Moloch which has or had its home in London," but which "now for matters of safety is gradually slinking into America, with its gold, diamonds and all."

Clergymen Back Aid-Bill.

Immediate enactment of the lease-lend bill in defense of democracy and Christianity is demanded by a new agency of opinion, a publication entitled "Christianity and Crisis," published in New York.

Among its sponsors are Dr. J. Harry Cotton, president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago; Presiding Bishop Henry St. George Tucker and the Episcopal Church, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morrow, widow of the late ambassador to Mexico and mother-in-law of Charles A. Lindbergh; Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"We are witnessing the first effective revolution against Christianity since the days of Constantine," the journal says. "To those committed to the support of democracy in its struggle against the totalitarian menace, it is overwhelmingly urgent that the bill be passed."

An organization to promote unity in defense of American institutions and aid to the enemies of Hitlerism was launched today at the Morrison Hotel by leaders of citizens' groups with Polish, Czech and Slovak ancestry. Sponsors of the movement have urged enactment of the lend-lease bill. Editors of Polish, Czech and Slovak language newspapers are prominent in the organization.

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America First' Officers Assemble

Officers of America First chapters in all sections of the country met yesterday at the Raleigh Hotel for the purpose, they said, of "getting acquainted with one another." Gen. Robert E. Wood, national president, presided at the afternoon session. Reporters and photographers were excluded from the meeting.

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America First Group Smeared, Gen. Wood Charges in Chicago

CHICAGO, March 7 (C.T.F.S.). Difficulties encountered in organizing an America First committee chapter in New York city because of strong interventionist sentiment there were told today by Gen. Robert E. Wood, acting national chairman of the committee. He said that tremendous social pressure was brought to bear against New Yorkers desiring to affiliate themselves.

A New York chapter has been established, however, and is growing rapidly in membership, General Wood said. It is headed by John T. Flynn, economist and author, and many of the chapter activities are directed by Edwin Webster, an investment banker.

Says Members Smeared

"Because the committee is one of the leading groups opposing the Administration's lend-lease bill," General Wood said, "interventionist circles in New York have tried to smear anyone joining the chapter. I know of one corporation official who wanted to become a member. But his board of directors told him he couldn't."

Even publicity men have been afraid to take jobs with the New York committee, the General said, because interventionists have warned these men won't be able to get any other work later. Social pressure against prospective members has been so strong, he remarked, that they have been virtually ostracized by former intimates.

If a New Yorker of any prominence joins the committee chapter, he is likely to be attacked in print by several columnists and newspapers, and to be branded an appeaser and a traitor, General Wood said.

Honest Opinion

The committee believes in an honest division of opinion regarding this country's position in foreign affairs but in New York, the interventionists make every effort to suppress contrary opinion, the

General added. These conditions are also true in Philadelphia, and to a lesser extent in Boston, he said.

"In much of the rest of the country," he said, "I believe our position on the lend-lease bill is that of the majority of people. Our work has done much to give people a chance to learn that this bill is a war measure."

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Macias Gets Badge at Nonintervention Meeting

Katrina McCormick, who organized a meeting of "College Men for Defense first," addressed by Senator Taft yesterday, is shown pinning a badge on Pete Macias, an officer of the America First Committee. Katrina is a worker for the committee.

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America First Group Lists Contributors

CHICAGO, March 12—The America First Committee reported today the organization had received \$127,615 in contributions from 15,014 persons and listed 66 contributions of \$100 or more. The 66 included Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

The list was issued after former Sen. Ernest W. Gibson of Vermont, chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, had listed contributions of \$100 or more to his organization and challenged the America First Committee to do likewise.

In addition to Col. Lindbergh, the list included:

Max W. Babb, president, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee; John T. McCutcheon, Chicago Tribune cartoonist; Ernest T. Weil, the Welton Steel Co.; Robert E. Wood, Sears, Roebuck & Co.; Robert Treat Paine 2d, Boston attorney; H. L. Stuart, president, Halsey Stuart, brokerage firm, and Wallace E. Pratt, New York geologist.

Contributions listed by the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies included:

J. P. Morgan, less than \$500; Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, less than \$500; Katherine Hepburn and Lynn Fontaine, actresses, between \$250 and \$500; Miss Herbert H. Lehman, wife of the governor of New York, between \$500 and \$1000. Others are Henry R. Luce, publisher, David Dubinsky, president International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and a group of about 50 playwrights, stage and screen producers, novelists, actors, publishers and composers, a total of \$24,000.

Called 'Nazi Front'

NEW YORK, March 12—The Friends of Democracy charge that the America First Committee, headed by Gen. Robert E. Wood, is "a Nazi front and a transmission belt for the Nazis."

L. M. Birkhead, national director of the Friends of Democracy, said literature of the America First Committee was being circulated at Nazi and Bund meetings and that Bund members and sympathizers were being urged to support it.

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Aid Bill Foes Won't Reveal Backers

Senate Probe May Subpoena Records Of Committees

By JAY FRANKLIN.

The Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies has finally justified itself to the American people. The committee's action in



making public the full list of its major contributors—those who gave \$100 or more—has put the Little Americans group behind the eight ball.

The America First Committee, for example, has not followed suit and has released an incomplete list

of financial angels. For some curious reason certain of the backers of this organization have refused to allow their names to be made public. Though it has long been a Communazi tactic not to let its left wing know what its right wing is doing, it will appear odd that Americans who believe in the isolationist doctrine of America first are too modest to let their names be made known in this connection.

This is just asking for a congressional investigation, and it is considered probable that the contemplated Senate investigation of axis propaganda in the United States will call on the America First Committee and the others to produce their records under subpoena.

It is probably unjust, but I know of no one thing which would arouse such general suspicion as the refusal to make contributors public. The America First Committee has already been charged with serving as a "transmission belt" for Nazi propaganda by the Friends of Democracy, Inc. Coyne and the reluctance in the face of national interest in the real backers of this supposed "grass roots" movement tends to breed suspicion. The operators of this publicity machine can either destroy their records and face the legal consequences or they can make public their affiliations.

Publication Calls Bluff.

During the long debates on the aid-to-Britain bill, the Little Americans repeatedly charged that the public was being misled by propaganda. The Committee to Defend America has called this bluff by making public the names of those who supported its energetic and often effective publicity on the lease-lend measure. Now it will be inferred the real propaganda—in the sense of alien influences seeking to affect our national decisions in the interests of foreign governments—has lined up behind the opposition.

This suspicion will persist until the full list of names is made public, both by the America First Committee, the Keep Out of Foreign Wars Committee and the rest of the gang. Let's hope that publication will show, as it should show, that financial sponsors of contemporary isolationist propaganda are simply American citizens.

No Crime to Contribute.

The cause of the national unity requires that we should clear the air of general suspicions. So far as I know, it is no crime to contribute to the cause of America first; or even to the cause of America last. So there would be no legal reprisals or "tendency to degrade and incriminate" involved in full publicity. The worst that could happen would be to discredit, by revealing the source of funds, the isolationist movement whipped up in Congress in an attempt to prevent effective aid to Britain. Perhaps the effectiveness of some of the Little American Senators and agitators could be reduced by revealing the strange bedfellows involved in their crusade.

So it seems more than likely that in order to achieve national unity the next administration move will be a dignified and thorough Senate investigation of Communazi intrigues and propaganda inside our borders.

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Lindbergh Talks Here April 17

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh will discuss the United States' foreign policy at a midwest rally of the America First Committee, April 17, in the Chicago Arena, 410 E. Erie st., R. Douglas Stuart Jr., national director of the committee, announced today.

The rally is being staged as part of a campaign to enroll 5,000 chapters with a membership of 10,000,000 under the America First banner, Stuart said. Chapters in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa as well as Illinois are expected to send delegations.

Col. Lindbergh will discuss America's relationship to Europe and the folly of this country's entering the European war, Stuart said.

Gen. Robert E. Wood, national chairman of the committee, outlined plans for the membership campaign at a meeting last night in the Palmer House. The committee will go into even the smallest villages to acquaint the people with its aim to keep America out of foreign wars, Wood declared.

By means of the campaign, he said, the committee hopes to make rapid strides toward its ultimate intention to have a chapter in every community in the country.

O. Z. Whitehead, a member of the cast of "Life with Father," will address a rally at 4 p. m. this Sunday in John Woolman hall, 1174 E. Fifty-seventh st., under the auspices of the committee's Hyde Park chapter.

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Meeting of America First committee at the Palmer House, left to right, seated: Hanford MacNider, Janet Ayer Fairbank, Gen. Thomas Hammond. Standing are R. Douglas Stuart Jr. (left) and J. Sanford Otis.

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AMERICA FIRST OPENS DRIVE FOR BAN ON CONVOYS

Asks Telegrams to Back Tobey Resolution.

The America First committee marshaled its forces yesterday for a nation-wide drive to insure congressional passage of the Tobey anti-convoy resolution, which would prohibit the use of American men and vessels to transport war supplies to belligerent nations.

Gen. Robert E. Wood, acting national chairman of the antiwar organization, called for a barrage of letters, telegrams, and telephone calls eclipsing in volume those sent to Washington, D. C., during the lend-lease bill fight. Members of the 700 America First chapters throughout the nation were urged to write to their senators urging immediate action on the resolution.

Other Antiwar Developments.

The move in the anticonvoy campaign was only one of a number of developments yesterday in the America First committee's drive to keep the United States at peace. Others included:

1. Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan units of the America First committee announced they would send delegates to the giant antiwar rally Thursday night in the Chicago arena, 400 East Erie street, at which Col. Charles A. Lindbergh will speak. An audience of 10,000 persons is expected.
2. Plans were drawn for another massmeeting in the arena Sunday, April 27, when Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.) will visit Chicago on his cross-country speaking tour which will carry him into nine states during the next month.
3. Plans went ahead for the first appearance as an America First speaker of O. Z. Whitehead, young actor from the cast of "Life with Father," who will address a rally at 4 p. m. today in John Woolman hall, 1174 East 57th street. Whitehead was prevented from addressing an America First rally last week, but the ban since has been lifted by the New York producer of the play.
4. Six other community meetings

were scheduled in the drive for 1 million America First members in Illinois.

Wood Warns Convoys Mean War.

In announcing the campaign against the use of American convoys to transport supplies to Great Britain, Gen. Wood declared:

"It is generally conceded that if we convoy goods some of our ships will be sunk, and then we will be in the war up to the hilt. When the lend-lease bill was before congress, most of the senators and representatives who voted for that measure said they were against our becoming involved in a shooting war.

"That being the case, we are confident that the Tobey resolution will be passed by congress if the majority of Americans who are opposed to our entering the war make known their desire to congress.

Fight Up to People, He Says.

"Whether we do or do not use our ships and men to convoy goods into the war zone is up to the people of America. The congress has the will to pass the Tobey resolution, so that I am certain. That body must, however, be shown that the majority is against war. The only way that can be accomplished is by means of letters, telegrams, and telephone calls to the members of congress."

The anticonvoy resolution, introduced in the senate by Senator Charles W. Tobey (R., N. H.), is pending before the senate foreign relations committee.

It provides that "except in a time when the United States is engaged in war, hereafter no part of the land or naval forces of the United States, and no vessel documented, or aircraft registered or licensed under the laws of the United States, shall be used, directly or indirectly, beyond the limits of the territorial waters of the United States and its territories and possessions, to transport or deliver . . . any articles or materials to or for the use of any foreign country . . . which is engaged in actual hostilities with one or more foreign countries. . . ."

Lindbergh to Urge Peace.

All 61 America First chapters in Illinois will be represented at the antiwar rally Thursday night. Gen. Wood will introduce Col. Lindbergh, who will speak on the necessity for the United States to remain out of the European conflict. An organ recital and mass singing of patriotic airs will precede Col. Lindbergh's address. The rally will begin at 8 p. m.

Dr. William Gellerman, associate professor of education at Northwestern university, will address a meeting of the Oak Park chapter at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the chapter headquarters at 736 Lake street in the suburb. The Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, professor at the University of Notre Dame, will speak at 8 p. m. Tuesday at a rally sponsored by the Glencoe chapter of the America First committee in the community house in Wilmette.

John W. Maseller, staff lecturer, will address two meetings this week—Tuesday at 8 p. m. at 1211 Devon avenue and Wednesday at 8 p. m. at 3736 North Clark street.

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ICKES LAMBASTS AMERICA FIRST AND ITS BACKERS

Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the Interior, assailed the America First committee and its purposes last night. He spoke at a dinner sponsored by the Jewish National Workers' Alliance of America at 32 West Randolph street. The dinner was held for the benefit of the Jewish National fund.

Ickes singled out Col. Charles A. Lindbergh for his bitterest denunciation. He called Lindbergh the "No. 1 Nazi fellow traveler" in the United States and declared him to be "the first American to raise aloft the standard of pro-Nazism," and "the proud possessor of a Nazi decoration which has already been well earned."

Raps Anne Lindbergh's Book.

Lindbergh's wife, the former Anne Morrow, was also included in Ickes' attack for her book, "The Wave of the Future," which he described as "the bible of every American Nazi, Fascist, Bundist, and appeaser." He referred to Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh as "this pair of fellow travelers and appeasers."

Gen. Robert E. Wood, national chairman of the America First committee, was depicted by Ickes as "apparently a fellow traveler."

Ickes said the America First committee should be renamed "the America Next" committee. He asserted that the committee attracts "antidemocrats, appeasers, labor baiters, and anti-Semites" and that "Hitler is enthusiastic about it."

Hits Committee Backers.

Among the active supporters of the committee, said Ickes, are Gen. Hugh Johnson, Hanford MacNider, Henry Ford, and Ernest Weir. He added, "It would be difficult to find a collection of worse reactionaries than these."

Ickes charged that a recent editorial published by THE TRIBUNE had been "hailed with joy both in Berlin and Rome, and with good reason."

The secretary told his audience that their hope for a Jewish homeland will be crushed if Hitler wins. America is "still in the first phase of the deadly conflict," he added.

The dinner was attended by more than 1,000 guests. Rabbi Morton M. Berman of Temple Isaiah Israel, president of the Jewish National Fund, presided. Judge Harry M. Fisher and Dr. Henry Epstein, also spoke.

SENATOR BARKLEY SPEAKS.

New York, April 13 (AP).—Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley told a banquet of the National Labor Committee for Palestine tonight that the American people are determined

that "a new Pharaoh who has risen shall not enslave mankind."

The following message from President Roosevelt was read:

"I trust this celebration will inspire all who participate with a new determination to exemplify in twentieth century terms the highest teachings of the ancient culture of Israel."

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A YOUNG PATRIOT TELLS HIS STAND: NO FOREIGN WAR!

O. Z. Whitehead, young actor from the cast of "Life with Father," gave his first talk for America First yesterday since the gag attempt to silence him was lifted. He addressed a rally of the Hyde Park chapter of the America First committee in John Woolman hall, 1174 East 57th street.



O. Z. Whitehead.

Whitehead was prevented from filling an earlier America First speaking engagement by the local manager of the play, but the ban was removed by its New York manager.

"I speak for that generation which would willingly fight if it thought to do so would benefit this country," he declared. "This generation feels that to fight in foreign lands, seas, or skies for foreign causes is not its duty. . . . We are not afraid to die, but we do not want to die on foreign battlefields."

Meanwhile preparations went forward for the America First antiwar rally at 8 p. m. Thursday in the Chicago Arena, 400 East Erie street. Col. Charles A. Lindbergh will be the principal speaker.

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N. U. TEACHER SCORES ICKES FOR ATTACK ON AMERICA FIRST

William Gellerman, professor of education at Northwestern university, was the principal speaker last night at a rally of the Oak Park-River Forest chapter of the America First committee at 736 Lake Street, Oak Park. More than 200 persons attended.

Prof. Gellerman criticized Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, for his Sunday night attack against Gen. Robert E. Wood and other national leaders of the America First committee. "It is one of the most pitiful exhibitions of bureaucratic arrogance," said Prof. Gellerman, "for Ickes to castigate such men as Gen. Wood for his efforts to protect the interests of more than 80 per cent of Americans who are opposed to getting into the war."

Gen. Wood issued a statement in which he said: "Secretary Ickes speaks for the swivel chair patriots. America First speaks for the boys who will have to fight and die if Secretary Ickes and others involve this country in the war."

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Ask Police Guard at 'Lindy' Meet

Special police details have been requested to prevent activities by subversive influences when Col. Charles A. Lindbergh speaks at the America First rally here Thursday night, it was announced today.

The meeting is to be held in the Chicago Arena, 400 E. Erie st., and Janet Ayer Fairbank, national vice chairman of the America First Committee, asked Commissioner James P. Allman for the police aid to prevent disturbances or distribution of literature.

FOR AMERICANS ONLY.

Demonstrations by the Bund, Fascists or Communists were feared, she indicated, adding:

"This meeting is for patriotic Americans only. From its inception, the America First Committee has refused membership to Communists, Fascists, and members of the Bund."

A flood of inquiries at headquarters of the Chicago chapter indicates an overflow crowd at the rally, Mrs. Fairbank said. Doors of the Arena will open at 7 p. m., and the meeting will start an hour later.

WOOD TO PRESIDE.

Gen. Robert E. Wood, acting national chairman, will preside.

Col. Lindbergh will discuss America's role in world affairs and the danger to this country if it becomes involved in the European war.

Gen. Wood, commenting on an attack made on the America First Committee by Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, before the Jewish National Workers' Alliance Sunday night, said:

"It's an old trick for a war

Ickes' Attack Pitiful Ignorance—N. U. Prof

Professor William Gellerman of Northwestern University last night replied to Secretary Ickes' attack on the America First Committee. He said:

"It is one of the most pitiful exhibitions of bureaucratic ignorance for Ickes to castigate at men as Gen. Wood for his effort to protect the interests of more than 80 per cent of Americans who are opposed to getting the war."

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"SWIVEL CHAIR PATRIOTS."

"Secretary Ickes speaks for the swivel chair patriots. America First speaks for the boys who will have to fight and die if Ickes and others involve this country in the war."

This morning the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien of the University of Notre Dame spoke at the State Teachers' College in Carbondale.

He predicted that by translating the American dream of democracy, social justice and the four freedoms into realities at home, America will render its greatest contribution to the world.

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Delegations of America First members from Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan will augment those from Chicago and Illinois at the rally. The weather forecast is for fair and warm.

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Lindbergh Talks Here Tonight

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh will be the principal speaker tonight at the patriotic rally to be held in the Chicago Arena, 400 E. Erie st., where an audience of at least 10,000 is expected.

Mrs. Janet Ayer Fairbank, national vice chairman of the America First Committee, has received notice that large delegations from Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan are coming. The sixty-one chapters in Illinois will be represented.

A resolution urging passage by Congress of the Tobey anti-convey bill will be presented as one of the most important measures to

avert American participation in the war. The Tobey measure would prohibit the use of armed forces of the United States in delivering goods to belligerent nations.

The bill, introduced by Senator Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire, is before the Senate foreign relations committee.

The nature of Col. Lindbergh's address is not to be revealed in advance, but he is known to be one of the most earnest opponents of American entanglement in the war. He will be introduced by Gen. Robert E. Wood.

**Text of His Address at
Chicago Arena.**

Following is the text of Col. Charles
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"There are times in the history of a nation when its people must give up their personal interests and desires, and devote their primary attention to the welfare of their country. We are going thru such a time now in America. That is why you and I are assembled here tonight.

"We are faced with an issue of as great importance as any that ever confronted the people of the United States. The immediate issue before us is that of war or peace. But underlying this issue is one of even greater importance. Is this nation of ours, this new world of the west, to have an independent destiny of its own, or must our future be forever entangled in these endless wars between the countries of Europe?"

Each Independent Destiny.

"I stand with those people who believe in an independent destiny for America. I believe that this country is strong enough to defend itself regardless of what takes place in other portions of the world—I only our government will devote its attention to our defense."

The time is here when those of us who have similar beliefs must band together to obtain the strength that comes only with organization. It is for this reason that I speak to you from the platform of the American First committee tonight. I am making a plea for unity among the forces and the people in America who stand against our intervention in this war.

"The American First committee is a purely American organization formed to give voice to the hundred odd million people in our country who oppose sending our soldiers to Europe again. We believe that the United States has been led toward war by a minority of its people, thru misinformation and thru confusion of the issues involved. One of the functions of this committee is to clarify the facts and issues of the war.

Principles of Committee

"The committee's principles are simple and broad. Our objective is to make America more progressive at home, and to keep out of those wars across the sea. Some of us, including myself, believe that the sending of arms to Europe was a mistake—that it has weakened our position in America; that it has added to bloodshed; that it has endangered that it has not changed the course of the war. Other members of this committee have supported aid to Britain, trusting in the promises of our President and our congress that such aid would actually be 'short of war'."

"The America First committee is open to any patriotic American citizen who opposes intervention, regardless of what his attitude on aid to Britain has been. As I said before, we are now confronted with the actual issue of war, and on this issue we take our stand.

"War is not inevitable for this country. The claim that our participation is inevitable is simply propaganda by those who want to get us in. If we can be forced into a foreign war against the opposition of more than four-fifths of our people, then the idea of representative government and democracy will be proved such a failure at home that there will be little use fighting for it abroad.

Decision Is Up to Us.

"Whether or not America enters the war is within our control. The decision rests upon the shoulders of you in this audience, upon us here on this platform, upon meetings of this kind in every community in the United States. Our forefathers have guided this country safely thru greater dangers than we see today. I

our generation has become so weak
that we cannot guard what they con-
quered with a fraction of our present
population; that we deserve to lose

"We, in America First, must face realities, for we are dealing with the hard facts of war. But here we have one great advantage over the interventionists. Our mission is to clarify the issues before the American people. There is to confuse them. Our mission is to build self-confidence and strength in America. There is to create fear and willingness to be dependent upon others."

dependent upon others.
 "When we advocate an independent position for America, the interventionists shout that we are defeatists because we oppose jumping blindly into a war in Europe. But I ask you: Whose policy has led to defeat, ours, or theirs? What have they to say about the long list of prostrate nations in Europe who, under their leadership, jumped into war hastily and unprepared?"

-Anti Realistic Thinking.

"When I was a cadet, learning to fly, I was taught that success, and life itself for that matter, depended upon adequate preparation. If a man took off on a difficult flight, he had better be prepared to 'lower himself' in the esteem of his fellow men; and more often than not, the never returned from his flight. But the 'lower himself' in America is the 'lower himself' in America's values, quite contrary to ours. What we called caution, they now call 'cowardice.' What we called preparation, they call 'de- featism.' And for what we called caution, they call 'cowardice.' But again we must be realistic. These values have not changed. We are simply experiencing the hysteria and propaganda that come with a major war. Along with perfectly sincere people, there are groups in this country whose prime objective is to get us into the war. Words are to them weapons to be used. And regarding they should be effective, regardless of whether truth or falsehood is involved.

"These groups are our real enemies. They constitute our major danger of involvement in the war. Against their activities we must be constantly on guard. These are the people who, under the guise of 'step short of war' have led us to the verge of war itself. They now demand that we 'convoy ships to England with the American navy. If we do this it is inevitable that we will have American battleships sunk, and American sailors killed. Under no guise of 'step short of war' can this be called a 'step short of war'."

England's Desperate Position.

"We must face the fact that England is in a desperate position. Up to date she has lost every major campaign in which she has participated. Her shipping losses are of utmost seriousness and her cities have been devastated by bombs. Her geographical and economic position is at great disadvantage in this age of aircraft."

and submarine warfare and your own advantage to us.

—Pe: Yes, I believe it will be a tragedy — God willing — a tragedy even in Germany — if we do not yet frankly admit that we have lost the war.

—Q: I believe this war was lost by England and France even before it was declared, and that it is not within our power in America today to win it.

—Pe: I believe even so, that we throw the entire resources of our nation into the conflict. With all our organization and industry we are not, and will not be, able to win it.

—Q: America has a power large enough to invade the continent of Europe successfully as long as strong European armies are there for its defense.

—Pe: But I thank God it is not so. We have no strong army, no strong country from the chaos and the failure of this war. With all the errors that have been made, and notwithstanding the arms that have been taken from our own military forces, it is still possible for the United States to still defend itself against any foreign power. But if we are to maintain the ability to defend ourselves in the future, we must not expect to win the European war, and we must stop sending most of our modern fighting planes abroad.

Our Favorable Situation.

"From a military standpoint the United States is more favorably situated than any other nation in the world. In addition to an isolated geographical position we are highly industrialized we have great natural resources and a population of 120 million people. We are able to draw for our armaments our navy and our air force. We have all the necessary elements in this country to build a civilization that is as strong and permanent and progressive as the world has ever known. Never before has a nation been in as good a position to protect and defend the ideas of democracy and freedom. The ideal of self-determination, the ideal of a well-spread share of the wealth and sanctity of a European future and the

"We of the America First com-
tee ask you to join us in support of
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Lindbergh Says Allies Lost War Before It Began

Holds Collapse of Britain Would Be 'Tragedy,' but Calls U.S. Aid Ineffective

CHICAGO, April 17 (AP).—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh asserted tonight that "it will be a tragedy to the world—a tragedy even to Germany—if the British Empire collapses," but he opined that the "war was lost" by the allies "even before it was declared."

He called for unity among people opposed to United States intervention and, in an address before a rally in the Chicago Arena sponsored by the America First Committee, declared that "it is not yet too late for us to save our own country from the chaos and failure of this war."

"Personally, I believe it will be a tragedy to the world—a tragedy even to Germany—if the British Empire collapses," Col. Lindbergh said. "But I must tell you frankly that I believe this war was lost by England and France even before it was declared, and that it is not within our power in America today to win the war for England even though we throw the entire resources of our nation into the conflict."

"With all our organization and industry, we are not and will not be able to transport an army across the ocean large enough to invade the Continent of Europe successfully as long as strong European armies are there for its defense."

Col. Lindbergh stated that "England is in a desperate position," and added:

"Up to date she has lost every major campaign in which she has participated. Her shipping losses are

of the utmost seriousness, and her cities have been devastated by bombs. Her geographical and economic position is as great a disadvantage in this age of aircraft and submarines as it was an advantage in the era of sailing ships."

He said the United States was able to defend itself against any foreign power, but held that if it was to maintain that ability "we must not expose our fleet in European war zones and we must stop sending most of our modern fighting planes abroad."

Col. Lindbergh contended that, if the American Navy convoyed ships to England, American battleships would be sunk and American sailors would be killed.

He also held that sending arms to Europe was a "mistake" because it "weakened our position," added to bloodshed in European countries, and failed to change the "trend" of the war.

"Interventionists shout that we are defeatists because we oppose jumping blindly into a war in Europe," he said. "But I ask you:

Whose policy has led to defeat, or theirs? What have they to say about the long list of prostrate nations in Europe who, under the leadership, jumped into war hands and unprepared?"

It was announced before Lindbergh spoke that he had become a member of the America First Committee, an organization opposed to United States participation in war abroad.

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Great Ovation Given to Flyer.

The text of Col. Lindbergh's address will be found on page 6.

(Picture on back page.)

Speaking last night before nearly 10,000 persons jammed into the Chicago Arena, which has seats for only 8,000, and with an overflow of 4,000 listening to loudspeakers outside, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh delivered an earnest plea for Americans to unite and make their efforts to stay out of war effective.

Col. Lindbergh spoke under the auspices of the American First committee, which he has just joined, and urged all noninterventionists to ally themselves with that organization. He expressed confidence that the United States is able to defend itself at home against any power, and that it can and should avoid the "chaos and failure" that would follow European involvement.

Of Bursts of Applause.

Thirty-one times, by actual count, Col. Lindbergh was interrupted by great bursts of applause in a talk of only 2,000 words. As he finished his hearers rose in a tribute that lasted several minutes.

The crowd began gathering at 6 p. m., two hours before the scheduled time of the meeting, and the seats were all filled by 7:30 o'clock. A police detail of 70 men was present to handle the throng and direct traffic near the arena, which is at Erie street and McClurg court.

Among the principal points made by Lindbergh were: The United States is being led to war by a vociferous minority; if we are forced into a war that four-fifths of the people oppose, democracy will be proved a failure at home; some sincere people are interventionists, but among this class are also groups whose prime object is to foment warfare, and it is not in our power now to win the war for England.

Opposes Convoy Proposal.

There was a chorus of loud "noes" when he mentioned that the interventionists now demand that United States naval vessels convoy war materials abroad. He urged that the fleet be kept intact and that "we stop sending most of our modern fighting planes abroad."

Before his talk began a collection was taken up. A total was not announced.

Gen. Robert E. Wood, national chairman of America First, presided at the meeting. He said that America First has had no connection with any subversive groups and has been "pro-American, first, last, and always."

"We have left intolerance to the other side," he averred. "We believe every citizen has the right to express himself on any public question. The great majority don't want war."

Name of Ickes Meets.

Gen. Wood urged that strong efforts be made to persuade the senate to pass the anti-convoys bill already introduced, and predicted that as soon as convoying begins the "shooting war" must follow almost immediately.

Samuel B. Pettengill, a former congressman from Indiana, said he objected to Secretary of the Interior Ickes questioning the patriotism of men like Gen. Wood and Col. Lindbergh. A chorus of boos greeted the mention of Ickes.

"The secretary is giving advice to everybody in the world but Joe Stalin," Pettengill said. "He hasn't criticized Big Joe yet."

Wing Gen. Thomas S. Hammond spoke briefly. The meeting ended with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the audience.

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WHEELER TO TALK AT CHICAGO RALLY OF AMERICA FIRST

Speaks Next Sunday; New Member Drive Planned.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler will address an antiwar rally in Chicago next Sunday on the return leg of his transcontinental speaking tour, the America First committee announced yesterday.

The meeting, which is expected to surpass in interest that addressed by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh last Thursday night, will be held at 3:30 p. m. in the Chicago Arena, 400 East Erie street. Lindbergh drew 14,000 persons to the same hall.

Senator Wheeler, leader of the anti-interventionist forces in congress, has informed the committee he will speak for the Tobey anti-convoys resolution now pending in the senate foreign relations committee.

Would Ban Use of Convoys.

The resolution, which would ban the use of convoys by the United States in transporting war materials into the war zone, is to be considered April 30 by the senate committee. The America First committee is concentrating its activity on forcing the resolution onto the senate floor for action. The resolution was offered by Senator Charles W. Tobey [R., N. H.].

The Chicago chapter of America First will open a drive today to enroll a million members in Illinois. Four meetings will be held this afternoon and tonight. Dr. Anton J. Carlson, physiologist at the University of Chicago, will address the Hyde Park America First chapter at 4 p. m. in Graham Taylor hall, 5757 University avenue.

Youth Group to Meet.

The Albany Park Youth group will hold an anti-war meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 North Francisco avenue. Yaeger Cantwell Jr., a law student, will discuss "Youth in the Present Crisis." At 6 p. m. F. Shaw Burd, an industrial psychologist, will address the Post College club of the Washington Boulevard Methodist church in the church parlors at Washington and Auden boulevards, Oak Park.

Attorney Robert D. Ross will

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address a rally at 6:30 p. m. in the Downers Grove Methodist church at Main and Maple streets in the suburb.

One meeting will be held Monday and four Tuesday in Chicago and its suburbs, the committee announced.

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Lindbergh's Way

Col. Lindbergh spoke in Chicago Thursday under the sponsorship of the America First committee. We have never been persuaded that a great citizen is ipso facto a great military or political philosopher.

Yet without hesitation we credit Col. Lindbergh with knowing what he says—and with the motives of a patriotic young American. In this we believe we are wiser than those of the America First committee who attack the motives of those of us who believe that only in Hitler's defeat will this nation or the world again know peace and security.

We cannot, however, avoid comment on what seems to us the moral quality displayed by Col. Lindbergh and by those who are led by his belief. In 1914 when Germany announced her intention to "upstage of paper," and violated the neutrality of Belgium, a wave of indignation swept this nation. Not even apologists for Germany condoned that attempt at morality. It was universally denounced.

Since September of 1938 Nazi Germany has demonstrated a callous and contemptuous disregard of all national honor and decency, of all precepts of moral conduct of nations. (Crowned by its military) and half-minded ruling classes. The German nation has made a mockery of our American concepts of civilization and Christianity. Yet there is not one word of protest, no evidence of revulsion or disapproval in anything Col. Lindbergh has said.

But let us pass that for the moment. Let us analyze Col. Lindbergh's position, and the position of the America First committee, by applying a simple test. Let us, for the sake of argument, suppose that the United States now chose to do exactly what the isolationists urge upon us.

Suppose that tomorrow President Roosevelt notified England, China, Greece—and the rest of the world—that from this time forward no arms or war materials could be furnished any other nation until we were completely armed. Suppose that he publicly announced that we shall not, under any circumstances conceivable, convey ships across the Atlantic; that our government would "devote its attention solely to our own defense."

What are the results which would logically follow such a step? They are not too hard to anticipate.

First of all it is certain that on the continent of Europe the last vestige of opposition to Hitler would collapse. Greece would make an early

peace on Nazi terms. Turkey would hasten to fall into the Axis orbit. Spain and Portugal would do likewise. In a matter of weeks Sicily and Gibraltar would fall into Axis hands.

Britain might continue to hold out for a few months. But not longer than that. The stout British spirit would be crushed—and it is only that spirit which enables the little island nation to carry on. The Churchill government would fall, and be succeeded by one seeking cravenly to "collaborate" with the triumphant totalitarianism. And does anyone believe that the British and French navies would not be Hitler's morsels for the asking? Would the betrayed nations of Europe care whether they fell into his hands?

In the Pacific Japan would be free to do as she would. Handcuffed China could do nothing but yield. Australia and New Zealand would be at the mercy of Japan. From Vladivostok to Calcutta Japan's new "order" would reign.

How long, under these circumstances, would our neighbors below the Rio Grande look confidently toward this nation as the defender of liberty and men's rights? How long before they, shyly at first, then openly, would seek likewise to bank in the favor of the Axis?

And across our northern border—that magnificent 3,000 miles of undefended border—what would be the feeling toward us? What would our brave Canadian friends think of the "great" power which had betrayed all that our proud history has stood for?

Perhaps—for a little while—we might save our own "peace." Perhaps for a little while we could prevent American blood from being shed. But in the eyes of every nation on earth whose good will and friendship and high esteem means anything to us we should be a pariah. In the eyes of every human being to whom the United States has meant man's hope for someday attaining the real blessings of liberty and justice we should be scorned and damned for all time.

We might survive. We might build for ourselves the most gigantic military and naval power on earth. We might wield our giant economy into a force which could meet that of the totalitarianism and beat them at their own game. But not as a democracy.

Perhaps we have dallied too long. Perhaps England will fall despite the utmost that we can do. But at least we are not abandoning democracy to certain extinction. And we believe that Americans—more than 130 millions of them—still hold more precious than anything else the preservation of their national and personal honor and self-respect.

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FLOOD OF MAIL ASKS APPROVAL OF CONVOY BAN

America First Members Write to Senators.

Thousands of letters, rivaling in volume those sent to Washington, D. C., during debate on the lend-lease bill, are pouring into the capital requesting passage of the Tobey anticonvoy resolution, R. Douglas Stuart Jr., national director of the America First committee, said yesterday.



Senator Tobey.

The resolution, introduced by Senator Charles W. Tobey (R., N. H.), would prohibit use of United States warships and men to convoy war supplies to belligerent nations.

Letters to Senators Urged.

America First chapters thruout the nation are urging persons who want to keep the United States out of war to write to members of the senate foreign relations committee in an effort to force the bill out of the committee and onto the senate floor. The committee is scheduled to act on the resolution April 30.

Stuart said Senator Burton K.

Wheeler (D., Mont.) and other anti-interventionist leaders now touring the country to warn the people of the war peril are concentrating their efforts on the anticonvoy resolution. Senator Wheeler will address an anti-war rally in Chicago at 3:30 p. m. next Sunday in the Chicago Arena, 400 East Erie street.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, who drew 14,000 persons to the Arena last week, will address another America First massmeeting in St. Louis, Mo., May 3, Stuart announced. Senator Bennett Champ Clark (D., Mo.) will speak at the same meeting.

Policy of Guile Charged.

Dr. Anton J. Carlson, University of Chicago professor, told a rally sponsored by the Hyde Park chapter of the America First committee yesterday that the present foreign policy of the United States was adopted thru guile and propaganda before the people had a chance to make their choice.

"A foreign policy of our country, radically departing from the Monroe Doctrine, should not be adopted in a period of general fear and hysteria," he said. "It should be placed before all the people, with all the cards on the table, face up, for their judgment when men's minds are calm."

The rally was held in Graham Taylor hall, 5757 University avenue.

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PLAN TO CARE FOR WHEELER OVERFLOW

Final plans were announced last night for the handling of the overflow crowd expected at the America First rally at the Chicago Arena next Sunday afternoon to hear Senator Burton K. Wheeler, champion of America united for peace, but not for war.

Janet Ayer Fairbank, national vice chairman of the America First Committee, will preside.

Anticipating an overflow crowd, such as that which greeted Col. Charles A. Lindbergh last Thursday, committee officials have installed loudspeakers outside the arena.

More than 15,000 persons heard Col. Lindbergh plead for American defenses for America only.

In warning anew to the war perils confronting the nation, Senator Wheeler will discuss means of keeping the United States out of the war, and he will urge united action to obtain passage of the Tobey anticonvoy resolution now before the Senate foreign relations committee.

This resolution has brought thousands of letters to the capital urging its passage. The resolution introduced by Senator Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire, would prohibit the use of United States warships and men to convoy war supplies to any belligerent nations. It is to be considered by the committee on April 30.

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MILWAUKEE.--SENATOR WHEELER SAID LAST NIGHT THE U.S. WILL BE INVOLVED IN WAR WHEN AMERICAN SHIPS ARE ORDERED INTO "ZONES OF CONFLICT."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, WHEELER CHARGED AT AN AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE RALLY, IS ATTEMPTING "TO CREATE AN INCIDENT TO EXCITE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO WAR" BY SENDING SHIPS "THROUGH AREAS WHICH HE HIMSELF HAS OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED THE ACTUAL ZONES OF CONFLICT."

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**EXPECT WHEELER
RALLY SUNDAY TO
DRAW BIG CROWD**

Preparations have been made for an overflow crowd Sunday afternoon at the Chicago arena, 400 East Erie street, when Senator Burton K. Wheeler [D., Mont.] will address a rally sponsored by the Chicago chapter of the America First committee. It was announced yesterday. The senator is in the midst of a nationwide speaking crusade to arouse the people against involvement in foreign wars.

The name of Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, magazine editor and student of foreign affairs, has been added to the list of speakers at Sunday's rally. Dr. Morrison was an opposition witness before the senate foreign relations committee at hearings on the administration's lend-lease [dictator] bill.

Janet Ayer Fairbank, national vice chairman of America First, will preside at the meeting, which will start at 3 p. m. The speeches will be heard by late arrivals over a loud speaker system.

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HELP FOR THE VOTERS.

By tens of thousands, American citizens have joined the America First committee. It can safely be assumed that far larger numbers are in sympathy with the cause of keeping this country out of the fighting and accept the committee's leadership.

The America First movement has drawn its following from both the principal parties. In their 1940 platforms and in the declarations of both candidates during the campaign, the point was constantly stressed that this nation would not enter the European war. The Democratic party said "we will not participate in foreign wars and we will not send our army, naval, or air forces to fight in foreign lands, outside of the Americas, except in case of attack." The Republican party, among other expressions to the same effect, condemned "all executive acts and proceedings which might lead to war."

These promises have been forgotten by some of the men who gave them, with the result that after an election in which both parties were pledged to do their utmost to preserve the peace the nation is far closer to war than it was last autumn. Those who now are shouting loudest for the preservation of democracy have betrayed a cardinal principle of democratic government: the maintenance of good faith with the voters.

In these circumstances the America First committee can serve a most useful purpose in future elections and particularly in the national elections of 1942. It can make recommendations. There are tens of thousands of voters in both parties who will welcome an appraisal of candidates by the America First committee, based upon the records and promises of those who are seeking election. Thru this means a repetition of the disastrous experience of 1940 may be avoided.

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Col. Charles Lindbergh (left) greeting John F. (Jafie) Condon, central figure in search for Lindbergh baby kidnaper, before colonel's New York anti-war speech. In center is Senator Walsh.
[Associated Press Wirephotos.]

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DELEGATION TO HEAR TALK BY WHEELER

Delegations from seventy American First Committee chapters throughout Illinois, Indiana and Michigan will gather at the Chicago Arena Sunday afternoon to hear an address by Senator Burton K. Wheeler, urging the passage of the Tobey anti-convoys resolution.

The Montana senator has been on a nationwide tour urging the people to "stand firm against all efforts to throw the nation into the European war." An overflow crowd of 15,000 persons heard him speak in Milwaukee Tuesday.

Aroused public interest in passage of the Tobey bill, Wheeler declared, is "the most important immediate step to keep America from going to war."

HEARING NEXT WEEK

The resolution, which would prohibit use of American warships to convoy war materials to belligerent nations, is scheduled for a hearing by the Senate foreign relations committee April 30.

Another speaker at the patriotic gathering, to be held under the auspices of the America First Committee, will be Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century magazine.

The doors of the Arena will be opened at 1 p. m. Sunday and special arrangements, including the installation of loud speakers outside the building, have been made to handle an overflow crowd.

Wheeler Sees Peril of Convoying Eased

BY GEORGE ROTHWELL
BROWN.

Special to The Chicago Herald-American.

MILWAUKEE, April 24.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, spokesman of a group of seventy-five members of the Senate and House of Representatives who are fighting efforts to involve the United States in foreign wars, headed back to the Northwest today, convinced that the peoples' battle to preserve peace is won.

Wheeler will speak tonight in St. Paul, and will follow with addresses on succeeding days at Sioux Falls, S. D., and Sioux City, Iowa.

PERIL EASED.

Keeping in close touch with all developments in the possible use of convoys by this government, through his office in Washington, Senator Wheeler expressed himself as satisfied that the convoy peril is measurably less than it was. He said:

"I do not believe that President Roosevelt will authorize the use of convoys, without going to Congress for express legislation. I am confident that if the President should ask for congressional authority to use convoys in combat areas, it would be refused."

"For this reason, I believe the outlook for peace is brighter than it was a month or two ago. I think the President has sensed the desires of the people for peace, and realizes they are opposed to the use of convoys."

PEACE SENTIMENT GROWS.

"The sentiment against war is growing rapidly in this country. Everywhere I have been the people are against getting into the European conflict. Undoubtedly they are making this opinion felt in Washington."

"Congress will be in no mood to authorize the use of convoys, which means fighting war, until it is ready to declare war. It isn't ready. The outlook is brighter."

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AMERICA FIRST'S 70 ILLINOIS UNITS TO HEAR WHEELER

All 70 chapters of the America First committee in Illinois, as well as several in Indiana and Michigan, have announced their intention of sending delegations to hear a speech by Senator Burton K. Wheeler [D., Mont.] Sunday at the Chicago arena, Erie street and McClurg court.

This announcement was made yesterday by Mrs. Janet Ayer Fairbank, national vice chairman of the committee, who will preside at the gathering.

An overflow crowd is expected and plans have been made to carry the speeches outside the arena over a loud speaker system as was done last week when Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, speaking at a similar America First rally, urged the nation to unite for peace.

Veterans of three wars will act as a guard of honor for the senator, who is on a nation-wide speaking crusade seeking to arouse Americans against involvement in foreign wars.

New A. E. F. England's 'Last Desperate Hope,' Lindbergh Asserts

Flyer Says British, Losing,
Want U. S. to Share
'Fiasco of This War'

(Picture on Page A-1.)

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh says Great Britain seeks another A. E. F. to turn the tide in a "losing" battle.

"It is now obvious that England is losing the war," he said at an America First Committee rally last night, "but they have one last desperate plan remaining.

"They hope that they may be able to persuade us to send another American Expeditionary Force to Europe and to share with England militarily, as well as financially, the fiasco of this war."

Making his first appearance here as a leader of organized opinion through his membership on the committee, Col. Lindbergh reiterated parts of an address made in Chicago last week in which he said United States aid could not win the war for England.

Melee Brings Arrest.

A crowd thronged the streets outside packed Manhattan Center as Col. Lindbergh made his anti-war plea, and for a brief time there were scenes of disorder as police, pickets and bystanders clashed.

One man was arrested and later sentenced to one day in jail for seizing the bridle of a mounted patrolman's horse during a kicking and slugging melee as pickets with anti-Lindbergh placards were dispersed.

Col. Lindbergh declared he did not blame England for its hope of an A. E. F.

"But we now know," he added, "that she declared a war under circumstances which led to the defeat of every nation that sided with her, from Poland to Greece."

On the subject of any United States entry into the war, he said this country "is not prepared to wage war in Europe successfully at this time."

Objective View of War Urged.
"It is not only our right," he said, "but it is our obligation as American citizens to look at this war objectively and to weigh our chances for success if we should enter it."

"I have attempted to do this, especially from the standpoint of aviation, and I have been forced to the conclusion that we cannot win this war for England, regardless of how much assistance we extend."

He placed the blame for "the downfall of the democracies of Europe" on "the shoulders of the interventionists who led their nations into war uninformed and unprepared."

Col. Lindbergh's non-interventionist views were backed at the meeting by Senator David I. Walsh, Democrat, of Massachusetts, and Novelist Kathleen Norris. John T. Flynn, author-economist and chairman of the America First Committee's New York chapter, presided.

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'England Is Losing the War'

Britain Wants U. S. to Go Down Too, Lindy Says

By United Press



Col. Lindbergh

NEW YORK, April 24 — Col. Charles Lindbergh told a widely cheering meeting sponsored by the America First Committee last night that every nation which has sided with Great Britain in the war, "from Poland to Greece," has been defeated, and that now the British hope for an American expeditionary force to "share the fiasco."

A crowd of 10,000 packed the Manhattan Center Auditorium and an estimated 20,000 stood in the street listening to speeches thru loudspeakers.

ONE BIG FIGHT

German accents were numerous in the crowd. There were several minor brawls and a brief melee involving several hundred persons from the crowd and about 100 anti-Nazis pickets who marched to the scene with placards.

Col. Lindbergh, in an appeal for support of the committee which he joined in Chicago last Thursday, drew one of his loudest cheers when he said, "It is obvious that England is losing the war," and another when he said, "England has misinformed us."

He charged that "we have been led toward war by a minority of our people; this minority has power; it has influence; it has a loud voice, but it does not represent the American people."

Seat prices ranged from \$1 general

admission to \$25 for boxes. There were 75 persons on the speakers' platform including Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, Amos Pinchot, Bruce Barton, former New York congressman; Katherine Lewis, daughter of John L. Lewis, head of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and J. F. Condon, who as "Jafsie" tried to negotiate with the Lindbergh baby kidnaper.

Col. Lindbergh charged that "our air force is deplorably lacking in modern fighting planes because most of them have been sent to Europe," and the audience hissed.

He said, "the policy of the interventionists has led to the defeat of every country that followed their advice since this war began," and the crowd cheered.

He said the America First Committee's policy of concentrating on defense of the Western Hemisphere is one "not of isolation but of independence; not of defeat but of courage."

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Nazis Hail Lindbergh as Real American

By the Associated Press

Berlin, April 24.—The important German newspaper Hamburger Fremdenblatt, commenting on last night's America First rally in New York, described Col. Charles A. Lindbergh tonight as "a real American of Swedish descent out of the Middle West."

It said he was "not a war opponent through emotionalism, but through devoted love of his country."

This was part of an article by Adolf Haffeld, who often strikes a keynote for German editors, headlined "America First."

It said Germany had no illusions about anti-German expressions in the United States from Atlantic to Pacific; explaining that Americans know the danger of invasion of their country is not from Germany, but from the increasing British influence on the American continent.

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Wheeler to Tell How to Shun War

Carrying his fight against war into Chicago again Senator Burton K. Wheeler will address a huge America First rally at the Chicago Arena at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

An overflow crowd is expected to hear Senator Wheeler speak on "What America Must Do to Keep Out of War." He has been on an extensive tour urging Americans to take a firm stand against the involvement of their nation in foreign conflicts.

URGES CONVOY BAN.

Twelve thousand jammed a Milwaukee auditorium Tuesday, to cheer the Montanan as he told them that it was not too late to act, and advocated the Tobey anti-convoy resolution.

A hearing on the bill, which would prohibit the use of American warships to protect shipments

of materials to belligerent nations, is scheduled before the Senate foreign relations committee April 30.

Ten thousand postcards will be distributed among the audience Sunday, so that the citizens present can send brief personal messages to President Roosevelt, denouncing war and war-provoking tactics.

ALL SEATS FREE.

Senator Wheeler will arrive in Chicago at 7:40 Sunday morning, and will rest a few hours at the Palmer House before going to the Arena, accompanied by a police escort.

The Arena is at Erie st. and McClurg court. The doors will be opened at 1 o'clock.

All seats are free.

Carl Craven, noted musical director, will lead the audience in singing patriotic songs.

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Lindbergh's Appeal Wins 3,000 to Anti-War Group

In response to the appeal of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh for citizens to unite with him to keep the United States out of the war, 3,000 membership applications were received yesterday by the America First Committee, which the colonel himself joined only last Thursday.

The committee announced that 2,000 of the membership blanks were signed during the Lindbergh meeting at Manhattan Center Wednesday night, and that 1,000 additional were entered yesterday by telephone, telegraph, mail or personal visits to the committee headquarters at 515 Madison Avenue. Each member is required to subscribe to a declaration that he has no affiliation with any foreign power.

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NEW YORK RALLIES AGAINST WAR

The America First rally in New York on Wednesday evening filled two large halls and left an overflow crowd of 3,000 standing in the rain to hear the speeches as they came over the public address system.

The size of the audiences and the enthusiasm with which they greeted Col. Lindbergh and the other speakers served to dispel the notion that New Yorkers generally favor American participation in the fighting and approve the steps which are intended to get us into the war. Those who were present at the meetings came away greatly encouraged. As they looked about them, they realized, perhaps for the first time, that millions of patriotic Americans in New York want to keep this nation at peace.

Their viewpoint has had relatively little publicity in New York. The well organized minority, with its wealth and its control of many of the means of public expression, has succeeded in giving a wholly false impression of the state of public opinion.

The meetings the other night broke what might almost be called a boycott. Now, at last, New Yorkers realize that the belief that American foreign policy should be devised with a view to American interests and welfare is not a minority view but the judgment of the majority. From now on we may expect the patriots under the leadership of America First to be more and more vocal, more and more confident, more and more determined that the wishes of their majority be respected and followed.

This country does not need to send its navy to fight in European waters. It does not need to send its conscripts to fight and die on European battlefields. It does not have to send ill-equipped and half-trained men into battle against heavy odds. There are no American interests now at stake which require any such sacrifice. Our country can defend itself against any threat which may be directed against it, now or in the future. We have no reason for fear, provided we do not dissipate our strength in ill considered adventures. It is immensely encouraging to discover that this opinion is at last asserting itself in the largest of our cities.

More than any other community in America, New York is bound to Europe by a skein of racial ties, as well as by commercial and financial associations, and the social allegiances of many of its leading citizens. The great headway which the America First movement is making there is heartening. It indicates that the efforts of the interventionists to stampede New York will be overcome if the campaign is pursued with energy.

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Roosevelt Slur on Lindy Assailed by J. T. Flynn

NEW YORK, April 26 (I.P.S.). The New York America First Committee today came out in defense of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh in a statement issued in reply to President Roosevelt's comparison of the noted flyer with appeasers of the past.

John T. Flynn, chairman of the committee under whose auspices Lindbergh spoke Wednesday night, said it cannot permit "the slur" cast upon Lindbergh by the President to go without comment, adding:

"Of all the men who have debated the issue of war or peace no one has borne himself with more dignity and a more meticulous observance of the unwritten laws of civility and decency in public discussion than Colonel Lindbergh. He has reasoned with his hearers and no aspersion upon the intelligence or good faith of any man has passed his lips, yet every time he has spoken, a group of men have rushed to the radio and into the newspapers to vilify him. No one, however, has dared, even by indirection, to call him a traitor. It remained for the President of the United State to do that.

"I am sure the President, when his anger cools, will regret such a slur against so good an American as Colonel Lindbergh.

"The America First Committee stands behind Colonel Lindbergh, is honored by his membership and supports his stand. That stand is to mobilize public opinion behind the pledge of the President of the United States to keep America out of this war."

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Kathleen Norris Denounces 'Smooth, Well-Rounded' Prophecies of Miss Thompson

By KATHLEEN NORRIS.

Wednesday night there was a mass meeting in New York addressed by three Americans. I was one, the Massachusetts Senator, David I. Walsh, was another, and Col. Charles Lindbergh was the third. Within the hall we had expected there might be some disturbance. We were speaking for the America First Committee, the object of which is to prevent our ships and men from being used for convoy duty, prevent our country from entering Europe's latest of a thousand years of war, and confine our defenses—and make them strong—to our own country.

In the packed hall there was no interruption of the program except prolonged applause. Col. Lindbergh was cheered for minutes together when he entered, and when he rose to speak. Nobody hissed anything and there was no heckling. Two thousand members of the audience joined the committee that night, another thousand stormed the New York headquarters enthusiastically to offer co-operation the next day.

Two friends of mine, women, could not get into the hall on Wednesday night. They milled about in a street crowd that was, they said, always good-natured, and well handled by the police. This crowd, they said, listened to the loud speakers, laughed and applauded, shared ledges and boxes and any other available seats.

Wants Further Particulars.

Now I have been shown an article by Miss Dorothy Thompson (this article appeared in Friday's Star) describing on that particular occasion the action of the America First Committee, which she seems strangely and anxiously to fear is a Germany-first committee. She says that until that meeting "no actual violence had been employed." And this time, she continues, "it was precipitated, not by those who were picketing the colonel's meeting, but by his supporters, who let fly at the picketers."

It seems to me Miss Thompson should be required in common justice to give us further particulars of a street fight that no newspaper reporter nor policeman observed, and of which eye-witnesses saw nothing. She herself was many miles away at the time.

Now this inaccuracy may well be considered typical of the exciting and disturbing tenor of many of Miss Thompson's articles. In this same article she predicts that the supporters of Col. Lindbergh will grow increasingly violent. When our arms production is well under way there will be a series of strikes and there will be sabotage. There will be "cries for the suppression of the mob."



KATHLEEN NORRIS.

Sees Only Ruin for Victors.

How dare she make these smooth and well-rounded prophecies against an American movement already joined by millions of Americans who are courageous enough to find in Europe's endless wars only ruin for victors as well as vanquished, who believe firmly that no frontiers are ours to guard but those included in our Monroe Doctrine, no army ours to depend upon but our own, no national quarrels important to us but our own, and no navy our first line of defense but the American Navy.

Some of our best-informed Army and naval authorities support Col. Lindbergh in everything he said. History, in its story of trans-Atlantic wars, supports him. Miss Thompson says Mr. Lippman finds him "naive." She doesn't think he's "naive." Neither do I. I think he's wise and strong and brave enough to tell us the truth; that no nation will be winner when this disastrous fight is over across the seas, and that bloodshed and hate never will end war.

Incidentally, why "naive?" Miss Thompson speaks perfect German. How about her French? Isn't it

"naïf" that she and Mr. Lippman mean?

Says Miss Thompson Is Afraid.

We have in our glorious history been many times in darker danger than today—and we have not been afraid. Within the memory of living men we have had British troops in Canada; Austrian, French and Mexican troops strong against us in Mexico; we have had Franz Josef, Napoleon III and Victoria against us—and we were not afraid. Miss Thompson is afraid. She says every speaker and writer who is supporting the administration lives "under a constant cold terror."

We of the America First Committee don't. Thousands of us—millions of us—mothers of sons, wives of potential soldiers, know that this isn't our war, because, truly and deeply as we sympathize with England, generously as we are willing to help her in ways of peace and rebuilding, it is not for one great nation to dictate to another in the serious matter of war. Incidentally, I was saying this, as thousands of American mothers known from club platforms everywhere, during all the years when Dorothy Thompson was in Germany and Russia. And it is not for her to say that an American in the ninth generation, like myself, who opposes Dorothy Thompson and President Roosevelt in the order named, is anything but 100 per cent and proudly and passionately loyal to everything American, and nothing that isn't American.

Very few of these fire-eaters of today participated in the last war. My men did, and in the Spanish War, the Civil War, and one of them lies buried on Breed's Hill. And my friendship for Col. Lindbergh, my faith in him, my knowledge as well as profound belief that he means the simple, forceful statements he makes is as deep as my faith in America itself. He's fighting now for America; he's paying now for his loyalty. But when the sons of mothers and fathers in all humble little towns and farmsteads of America are on the red battle line, or drifting to and fro on or under the icy Atlantic tides, Dorothy Thompson, Walter Lippman and all the rest will still be safe on the side lines.

They are in the position of the prize-fighter's manager who shouts "Go in there and punch him. He can't hurt us!"

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READY FOR WHEELER OVERFLOW

Final arrangements were made today to handle the overflow crowd expected to throng the Chicago Arena tomorrow to hear Montana's Senator Burton K. Wheeler's plea against American entrance into the European war.

The American First Committee, sponsor of the patriotic rally, said loudspeakers have been installed so that crowds unable to obtain seats may hear the speakers.

Sen. Wheeler, returning from a tour through the northwest, is expected to discuss the Tobey anti-convoy resolution which would prohibit the use of American vessels in conveying war supplies to belligerents.

He has charged repeatedly that the nation is being led into war and has indicated his belief that the use of naval patrols is a new step in that direction.

Another speaker on the program will be the Rev. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of Christian Century magazine.

Dr. Morrison will discuss a clergyman's outlook on efforts groups endeavoring to throw the nation into European conflict.

Janet Ayer Fairbank, vice-chairman of the American First Committee, who will preside, said, 10,000 post cards will be distributed to the audience so personal messages may be written to President Roosevelt urging that he keep his pledge to save the country from war.

(Senator Wheeler, in a speech last night at Sioux Falls, S. D., assailed the "wrecklike utterance" of two cabinet members. Story on page 4.)

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MORE JOINING LINDBERGH

America First Group Reports 7,000 Asking Membership

Officials of the America First Committee reported yesterday that they had received another large group of applications for membership. A total of 7,000 persons has made application since Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's speech Wednesday night in Manhattan Center, it was said. Of these, about 2,000 were received yesterday.

Edwin S. Webster Jr., executive secretary of the committee, which has offices at 515 Madison Avenue, said many persons were applying in person and many others were mailing requests for application. A women's committee, with headquarters at 3 East Forty-seventh Street, also is receiving applications.

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America First Drives for 100 State Chapters

More than 100 chapters of the America First Committee will be flourishing in Illinois and the Chicago area by June 1, it was predicted yesterday by Janet Ayer Fairbank, national vice chairman in charge of Illinois for the committee.

There are sixty-four chapters and units now operating, while eighteen more are in process of formation under the supervision of Mrs. Gertrude S. Gardner, downstate chapter chairman, and Mrs. O. H. Robertson, in charge of Chicago units.

With the rising tide of sentiment against the United States becoming involved in the European war, new members are coming in by the thousands, according to Mrs. Fairbank who said that an incomplete check of Illinois members indicated more than 125,000 on the America First rolls.

"Patriotic Americans who believe as we do—that the United States can save itself by staying out of war while building up an invulnerable national defense—must be in the America First movement by getting in touch with either the Illinois headquarters at room 901, 122 S. Michigan st., or by signing up with the nearest nearest their home," Mrs. Fairbank said.

SEEK MILLION MEMBERS

"Our goal is 1,000,000 members in Illinois and it will be attained only if part of those opposed to war join with us. There are no membership dues, although contributions will be gratefully received and expended in promoting the cause of America First."

America First chapters and units in Illinois and the Chicago area are located as follows:

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. Mrs. Gertrude S. Gardner, chairman, Northwest Highway and Dunton Avenue.

AURORA. Columbus Healy, chairman, 30 Fox st.

BLOOMINGTON. Mrs. Lotta J. French, chairman, 1203 S. Main st., Normal.

BLUE ISLAND. Paul T. Kleck, chairman, 12514 S. Elm st.

BRESEE. Paul J. Wasmis, chairman, Anthony Tremming, chairman, Bremen Township, Route No. 3, Timely Park, Ill.

CHAMPAIGN. A. D. Sawyer, chairman, 308 Lincoln Building.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS. Dr. F. H. Twining, chairman, 1445 and Center st., Harvey.

CICERO. Roger Gerches, chairman, 1000 S. Fifty-fifth st.

CLARENDON HILLS. Mrs. Ralph Bidwell, chairman, 28 E. Prospect st.

CLINTON. Mrs. Stella Tuzig, chairman.

DE KALB. Mrs. J. H. Dewar, chairman, 215 Prospect st.

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O'BRIEN AND GISH PLAN AMERICA FIRST ADDRESSES

Miss Lillian Gish, stage and screen actress, and the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, will address rallies sponsored by the America First committee this week.

Miss Gish will discuss propaganda methods now being used to drag the United States into the European war at the luncheon meeting of Chicago post, No. 170, of the American Legion at noon today in the Tavern club, 333 North Michigan avenue.

Dr. O'Brien will address an America First antiwar rally at 8 p. m. Thursday in Orchestra hall, 220 South Michigan avenue. More than 3,000 seats are available for the Thursday meeting.

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'DIVIDED NATION' THREATENED BY 'AMERICA FIRST'

Wheeler's Isolation Speech Brings Boos for President.

BY FRANK SMOTHERS.

A suggestion that the Army and Navy of the United States might not obey their commander in chief has been launched by Senator Burton K. Wheeler, leader of the appeasement minority in the Senate.

Addressing the America First rally in the Chicago Arena yesterday, Wheeler declared:

"President Roosevelt may have the power—if the Army and Navy obey—to send convoys, but he has no right to do so."

The keynote of the America First rally was a threat that if this nation is involved in war it will go as "a divided nation."

Boos for Roosevelt.

The rally was characterized by lusty boos for President Roosevelt, Wendell L. Willkie and members of the cabinet, as well as boos for Winston Churchill and England. Some who had been in the audience were heard speaking in German after the meeting.

Despite the claim of Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, from the platform that "15,000" attended the meeting, including "thousands outside the hall," a check revealed the total attendance as under 8,000. The Arena has 8,156 seats, the management stated today. The hall was not filled and the police outside said that the stragglers who listened there were not more than 200 or 300.

The "nation divided" theme was stressed in a resolution adopted by the gathering and emphasized in a speech by Dr. Morrison, who spoke before Wheeler. It was implicit in Wheelers' oration, when he alleged that "warmongers" wanted Hitler to sink American ships, and went on:

"If I correctly judge the temper of the American people today they are not going to blame some other government for blowing up a ship. They will blame the President of the United States."

The Rev. Dr. Morrison declared: "We can tell him (the President) that if he makes further commitments he will take not only a reluctant and perhaps a resentful but certainly a divided America into war."

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The resolution put to the assembly by Morrison and declared adopted unanimously following a show of hands was addressed to President Roosevelt. It "respectfully" asked that aid to Britain "stop in its tracks."

"Fifteen thousand citizens assembled in Chicago look with grave anxiety upon the drift of this country into war," the resolution said. "As free citizens we respectfully express our condemnation of any further steps toward further involvement in the European war."

"We demand that the policy of aid to Britain shall now stop in its tracks. We condemn convoys disguised as patrols. We condemn any further promises of aid to belligerents. This is not America's war and we declare that if the exercise of your great powers of President lead the country into war we shall go as a reluctant and divided nation. Keep America out of this war, Mr. President."

Boos for F. D. R. Suppressed.

Before the set speeches, resounding boos for President Roosevelt boomed out from the audience when Frank Craven, music master of the rally, referred to the President's recent rebuke for the defeatism of Charles A. Lindbergh.

A few minutes later Janet Ayer Fairbank, vice-chairman of America First, presiding, told the audience:

"A note has been sent me saying the President of the United States has been booed. I was busy getting a reading desk ready for the speakers. I would be sorry if the President were booed. He must be held in respect."

That restrained boos for the President for some time, but did not prevent them. Although they never reached the volume of the original concerted boos, the President was repeatedly booed by many individuals thereafter.

Boycott Idea Advanced.

One of the most spirited of many booing sessions of the day occurred when Wheeler congratulated his hearers on their "coolness" despite "propaganda by Dorothy Thompson, Wendell Willkie, the movies and Col. Knox's newspaper." Wheeler, after listening to the boos and cheers with which he was rewarded, said:

"Someone just suggested 'Boycott them.' I think that is a good idea. The best way to get at the warmongers is to hurt their pocket-books."

Wheeler drew only scattered applause from a small minority, however, when he said he "admired" the British people and "opposed all Hitler stands for." Those were propositions that definitely did not go over with the crowd.

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Senator Wheeler Calls for Unity, to Keep Nation Out of War



CROWD IN THE CHICAGO ARENA FOR AMERICA FIRST MEETING ADDRESSED BY SENATOR WHEELER.

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NITE TO AVERT WAR, WHEELER URGES AT RALLY

Senator Blasts Roosevelt for Unneutral Stand.

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Sen. Theodore Roosevelt and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He said the former strove for the cause of peace and the latter for the cause of war. His reference to Theodore Roosevelt was in connection with the Russo-Japanese war of 1904.

"More than 20 years ago," said Wheeler, "there was another Roosevelt in the White House. A great war broke out between two nations. We were at peace with both of them. The then President—Theodore Roosevelt—kept this nation neutral."

"Because he kept it neutral in thought as well as in act, and because he himself was neutral, he was able at an appropriate time to offer the services of the United States to the belligerents to effect an armistice. Because the United States was neutral in thought and deed both of the warring nations were able to, and did, accept the President's suggestion. They sent delegates to a peace conference, held in a neutral country at Portsmouth, N. H. A treaty of peace was adopted. The war was ended. Japan and Russia have not been involved in actual warfare from that day to this."

Service of T. R. Hailed.

Theodore Roosevelt's service to the cause of peace was one of his outstanding achievements, Wheeler asserted. But what as to the other—the present Roosevelt? he inquired. As a result of President Franklin Roosevelt's policies, Wheeler charged, there is not left in the world today a first class neutral power which would be able to bring the warring nations together into a peace conference.

"We had another Roosevelt in the White House at the outbreak of the present war," said Wheeler. "But this Roosevelt did not keep either his country or himself neutral."

"He issued a neutrality proclamation with his tongue in his cheek and his fingers crossed. From that day to this the whole policy of Franklin D. Roosevelt has been to ignore and destroy the neutrality of the United States, until today this nation is not neutral. It has become a non-belligerent poised on the brink of war."

World Stand Described.

"There is not a first class neutral power left on the face of the earth, and this because of the policy of President Franklin Roosevelt. His has been a policy not only to destroy the neutrality of this country, but to promote the unneutrality of the whole of Latin America."

"Thus the world finds itself today in the most appalling condition—the most shocking since the beginning of

NINE ROCKFORD ALICE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO GUARD WHEELER

Rockford, Ill., April 27 (Special).—Chief of Police Charles G. Manson announced today five police officers and four police detectives will be assigned to protect United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler during his visit here tomorrow. Chief Manson said he is assigning the men as a result of a threatening letter received by Wheeler several days ago from Rockford. Two of the detectives are to remain with Wheeler throughout his stay in the city. The others will be assigned to places at which the senator will appear. Wheeler will speak at Shrine Temple here tomorrow night.

recorded history. There is not a first class nation in all the world that thru the processes of sanity and reason, can assume leadership for peace.

"There is not one nation that can initiate a movement for the cessation of hostilities to the end that humanity can be saved from further suffering and the total annihilation of our magnificent, modern civilization."

Situation Termed Tragic.

Wheeler said it is tragic that at such a fateful time in the history of the world the United States, strong and rich, cannot speak out authoritatively for peace.

"It is tragic," he said, "that the President is unable to assume that leadership for peace for which his high office as the head of a nation of 130 million peace loving people would have so admirably fitted him."

All that can be left, said Wheeler, is an appeal to prayer in the name of the Prince of Peace, an appeal to the leaders of all the churches to unite in a demand that peoples lay down their swords of brutality. Otherwise, he warned, the blood of Americans will be shed.

Joint Appeal Urged.

"Because our President has not seen fit to lead the nations of the world to sanity and peace, let us today appeal for divine guidance, to the leadership of the pope and to the leadership of all the great Protestant churches," said Wheeler.

"Let them join together and insist that the warring nations stop their wholesale murder of men, women and children before the whole human race sinks into a common grave of death."

"The world today needs leadership to stop this senseless slaughter, and to bring the war to an end."

Not Our War: Dr. Morrison.

Dr. Morrison, like Senator Wheeler, received an ovation from the crowd. The theme of his talk was that "this is not America's war."

"The burden of proof rests upon those who declare that it is America's war," he said. "So far this proof has not been forthcoming."

How has it happened, asked Dr. Morrison, that the idea has been established in the minds of many Americans that this war is America's or that it is America's duty to enter Europe's struggles for the second time?

"My answer must be very frank," said Dr. Morrison. "My answer is that the President of the United States, thru a long series of utterances and a cumulative series of deeds, has put the nation in a position where public opinion is no longer free to express its deepest conviction against participation in this war."

"The nation has been committed, step by step, to a war policy, steadily and stealthily committed, thru a period of three years of official propaganda and official action until now the desperate and climactic argument for war is that we already have gone too far in to back out."

"Yet the American people do not believe this is their war. The succession of polls of public opinion reveals a constant, overwhelming majority against our participation."

Dr. Morrison said that far from being "America's war," this is "the

President's war. . . .
The President himself has in effect declared war, designated the enemy and in terms of victory. . . .
Dr. Morrison said he wants support the President. . . .
The people elected last November, not the other President, who degrades his great office by smearing the name of a patriotic American like Col. Lindbergh. . . .
Mrs. Janet Ayer Fairbank, national vice chairman of the America First committee, presided at the meeting, and also spoke.

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SENATOR RAKES PRESIDENT FOR UNNEUTRAL AIM

Public Must Speak Out, Rally Told.

BY THOMAS MORROW.

(Picture on back page.)

President Roosevelt may have the power to force the United States into the European war but he has not the right to do so, and the American people can stop him from doing it if they act now, Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D., Mont.) said yesterday in a stirring address in the Chicago Arena.



Senator Wheeler.

"It appears that the war mongers are praying that an American ship will be sunk in order to promote war," Wheeler said. "But judging from the temper of the American people, they are not going to blame some other country for blowing up a ship. They are going to blame the President of the United States. He is inviting war and he has been inviting war ever since the election last fall."

Crowd Exceeds 8,200.

Senator Wheeler spoke at a mass-meeting under auspices of the America First committee. More than 8,200 men and women, cheering his utterances, filled the hall, except for a few undesirable seats at the end of the balcony. Several hundred more stood outside and listened to the speech over loud speakers.

The crowd, receptive and eager to applaud, rose and cheered when the senator stepped to the microphone. He drew a roar of laughter when he referred to the President's son, James.

"When the Jugo-Slavs stood up," said Wheeler, "they were going to send Jimmy over to help them—but it was too late. What a shame Jimmy couldn't get there. So then they sent him over to Chiang Kai-shek. I understand he took some motion pictures there."

Charges Curb on Opinion.

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GEN. HUGH 'IRON PANTS' JOHNSON, heads the list of high-priced "America First" lecturers. His fee per lecture is \$750.

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THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE has become increasingly fearful of being spied on or having its wires tapped. So fearful that R. L. Bliss, one of the committee's chief officials, recently sent an inter-office memo to all members of the staff which read as follows:

"I suggest that you conduct all your meetings in your office as quietly as possible, and that you do not discuss confidential business matters in the hall, or in going to and from the teletype. This will prevent visitors in the

outer office from overhearing remarks. Let us keep our material and ideas to ourselves. R. L. B.

"Postscript: I notice that there is also a lot of loose talk in De Met's over the tables where 90 per cent of us eat. Watch your discussions within hearing of strangers.

"PS: We will appreciate it if you will plan your lunch hours so there is always someone in your office during the day."

NOTE: The America First Committee has sent its branch offices a list of speakers available to promote the cause. The list includes a great many names, ranging from Wilbur Helm, who is willing to speak for only \$25 to Major General Paul B. Malone, who will speak for \$200. This is the highest fee except one, whose fee and whose name leads all the rest. General Hugh Johnson is willing to promote the cause of America First for the sum of \$750 per lecture.

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Invasion of U. S. Styled Fool's Dream

Peace Speaker Says
No Enemy Could
Overrun America

Successful invasion of the United States by Germany or by any combination of powers is impossible, Marshall Perhan, writer for scientific periodicals, said last night at a peace rally at the Y. W. C. A. promoted by the America First Committee.

"This is not our war. We do not need to invade Europe in order to defend America. We can defend America here. Here lies our greatness. In Europe lie our failure and destruction," Perhan said. He was introduced by William Dodson.

Franklin G. Makepeace, teacher, and Mrs. Eileen E. Folsom, Long Beach head of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, are temporary cochairmen of the local A. F. C. organization. Weekly meetings are planned.

A resolution protesting attack on Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and free speech and addressed to President Roosevelt was circulated for signatures. A petition in support of the Tobey anti-convooy resolution was numerous ly signed.

"There has never been a more callous lie than the assertion that 'we are next' if the British are defeated; and it is a known lie by the men who say it," Perhan said. "Invasion of the United States, in particular, and of the Western Hemisphere, in general, is only a fool's dream."

Mrs. Sarah Quinn Hill sang a song that she wrote, "America First," dedicated to the A. F. C. Boys from Jordan High School provided musical entertainment.

The newly chosen executive committee was announced as follows: Mrs. Eileen Folsom, Mrs. G. Lewis, Miss Celia Potts, Mrs. Sophia Klein, Mrs. A. R. Tabbert, Frank C. Engle, Mrs. Mary B. Buerger, Mrs. Bertha Kirby, Dr. C. A. Noland, Miss Zella Ascherman, Henry L. Moffet, Mrs. Fleta Rhodes, Dr. Henry Kendall Booth, David Barge, Miss Catherine Vesta Sturges, Mrs. Stella O. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith, Clarence P. Wallick, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Makepeace and Roger Williams.

It was announced that 300 members were enrolled last night.

THE CASE OF AMERICA FIRST.

Members of the America First Committee continue to be acutely distressed over what they term "smear campaigns" directed at various of their leaders. They seem to be allergic to such epithets as "appeaser," "American Cliveden set," "copperheads," and "Fifth Columnists," holding that such expressions are defamatory and unsportsmanlike—and anyway, not true. "We're not appeasers, we just want to see a negotiated peace now while Germany can dictate the terms."

It will be well, amid these wails of anguish, to keep the following facts in mind:

1. There have been no wails from those whom the America Firsters have denounced as "British colonials," "rabid interventionists," "warmongers," "hysterical alarmists," "overage destroyers" and "ploughers under of American youth." Those who have been recipients of the America First brand of abuse have not felt compelled to protest. They have been willing to let the American people decide whether those epithets are justified or not.

2. Senator Wheeler has been especially vocal in denouncing propaganda; but he has

yet to acknowledge publicly that he deliberately lied or disseminated, without troubling to check the facts, the canard that the War Department had ordered 1,000,000 coffins, presumably for a million American casualties expected as result of a contemplated American expeditionary force to foreign soil.

3. Senator Wheeler has yet to apologize for the fact that during his America First meeting in Chicago Sunday, the President of the United States, commander in chief of our armed forces, was booed.

4. The America Firsters talk a great deal about sinister and secret influences. But there is nothing secret about the personnel of, say, the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. That group has made public a full and complete list of those who have contributed funds to carry on its campaign. The America First Committee has not made public a full and complete list of its supporters. Many of them decline to come out in the open, or permit their identity to be revealed.

Until the America First Committee comes clean with such a full and complete list, its members cannot complain if many regard them with suspicion.

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